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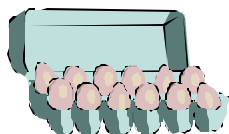
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were slightly higher on the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate, and was best for the occasional feature. Supplies ranged adequate to balanced at times. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to available with most dealers working from regular commitments as market developments are cautiously assessed. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for processors' immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was mostly fair. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was mostly fair. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago increased 3 cents for the larger sizes, 2 cents for mediums, and were unchanged for small. Prices in other areas were not changed. Prices reflect changes from the previous Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service movement was mostly fair. Supplies were in good balance for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Trading and demand were quiet for the adequate to available offers. Schedules were full-time and most breakers were not seeking additional product and were working mainly from floor stocks and existing inventories. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large 1 cent higher, mediums unchanged. The market tone steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate and best where features are present. Offerings mostly adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were generally adequate to occasionally balanced. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 3 cents higher on large. Medium and small were 6 cents higher in California, and medium were 5 cents higher in the Northwest. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| NORTHEAST CITIES | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Boston (Brown) | 93-95 | 85-87 | 59-61 |
| New York | 73-75 | 70-73 | 53-56 |
| Philadelphia | 64.5-73 | 62.5-71 | 48-53 |

SOUTHERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 61-62 | 59.5-61 | 43-44 |
| Jackson (1) | 71-72 | 68-69 | 52-53 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 68-81 | 65-79 | 49-63 |

MIDWEST CITIES

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chicago | 63-68 | 62-67 | 45-50 |
| Detroit (2) | 57-60 | 56-59 | 39-42 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 58-63 | 57-61 | 40-45 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 61-68 | 59-66 | 43-50 |

WESTERN CITIES

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Houston (1) | 74-76 | 72-73 | 55-57 |
| Southern California (Grade AA) (4) | 83-93 | 82-89 | 65-71 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 97 | 92 | 75 |

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99-119, extra large dozen 109, 20 pack 137, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 109 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 97 |
| LARGE | 92 |
| MEDIUM | 75 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|--------|
| JUMBO | 96-106 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 83-93 |
| LARGE | 82-89 |
| MEDIUM | 65-71 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 229-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-279 |
| LARGE | 199-219 |
| MEDIUM | 187-199 |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet with offers adequate to available for current needs. Breakers were assessing their current needs and relying on regular commitments and company owned production at the present time. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 31-35 | 32-34 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 16-19 | |

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged to higher when compared to early week trading. Demand was light to moderate and usually unaggressive for the irregular but usually adequate offerings. Undertone was generally steady. Plants were running about normal to normal schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 25, 2000 were 5% less than last week, and 4 % less than the same week last year.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 28-33 | 28-32 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 15-19 | |

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-MAR-00

| | (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|------|--------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| | CASES | LIQUID | LIQUID | LIQUID | DRIED | INED. |
| | BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | |
| C W | 1,109,586 | 26,540 | 9,986 | 5,438 | 2,292 | 3,631 |
| P W | *1,141,016* | 26,247 | 10,950 | *5,980* | 2,746 | *3,842* |
| L Y | 1,025,454 | 24,015 | 9,665 | 5,122 | 2,434 | 3,152 |
| % PW | -3 | 1 | -9 | -9 | -17 | -5 |
| % LY | 8 | 11 | 3 | 6 | -6 | 15 |
| 2000 | *13,574,354* | 304,692 | 137,288* | 75,160* | 36,176 | *44,890* |
| 1999 | 12,401,603 | 283,195 | 121,190 | 67,139 | 30,663 | 39,055 |

* Revised

| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST |
| WEEK | WEEK | YEAR |
| 41.09 | 41.21 | 40.91 |

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites reported with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 28 to 30 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly steady for whole egg and whites and barely steady to weak for yolk. Whole egg demand was light to moderate. Demand for whites was fairly good to good with yolk movement somewhat more active and reported as mixed from quiet to moderate. Offerings were adequate to available for whole egg and whites and fully adequate for yolk. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate for current production requirements.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 31 March, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 12 | 26-31 | 30.04 | 1.54 |
| WHITES | 19 | 30-33 | 31.79 | -.34 |
| YOLKS | 12 | 29-31 | 29.71 | 1.48 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolk and whites, balance of items were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to last week's values. Demand was often light and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings of yolks, interest on other items was usually moderate. The undertone was steady on whites and whole, and cautious on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs(ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 25, 2000 were 6% less than last week, and 9% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were adequate for needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS RANGE | (MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY RANGE |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| WHOLE | 41-45 | 41-42 47-53 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | 54-60 |
| WHITES | 41-44 | 47-54 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 44-49 | 45-48 51-60 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 42-45 | 42-44 49-69 |

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS All prices mostly unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trading and demand generally light and unaggressive. Offerings of frozen product increasing with most buyers only interested in immediate needs only. Trade sentiment on whole egg and whites mostly steady, sugar and salt yolk steady at best. Nest run breaking stock supplies adequate with prices unchanged during the week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB.

| | TRUCKLOTS RANGE | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| WHOLE | 40-43 | 40-41 |
| WHITES | 41-44 | 42-44 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 45-49 | 46-48 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 43-45 | |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/18 was 4% more than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate from regular sources. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WHOLE | 46-49 |
| WHITES | 46-49 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 51-54 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 48-51 |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on yolks, balance unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate with most traders still unaggressive. Floor stocks were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was unsettled on yolks, balance of items were mixed but usually in a range of about steady to steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 25, 2000 were 17% less than the previous week, and 6 % lower than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 1.42-1.65 | MOSTLY 1.45-1.50 |
| YOLKS | 1.10-1.25 | MOSTLY 1.10-1.20 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 3.00-3.40 | MOSTLY 3.05-3.15 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.17-1.25 | MOSTLY 1.17-1.20 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 24 - MAR 30, 2000

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | 62.75 | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | 108.25 | | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | 171.00 | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-------------|-------|--|--|--------|--|--|--|
| SE | | | | NE | | | | MW | | | | SC | | | | NW | | | | SW | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 45.50 | 53.20 | 47.00 | 48.08 | — | — | 68.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 56.50 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 29.00 | | | | | | |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.00 | GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | |
| GNR W 3 | — | 38.00 | — | — | 35.58 | 36.00 | 7.00 | GNR W 3 | — | 42.25 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 42.50 | — | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | 61.00 | — | — | — | 49.00 | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | |
| GL W J | — | — | 60.00 | 62.00 | 57.50 | — | 2.00 | GL W J | — | — | — | — | — | 69.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | — | 60.00 | — | 59.00 | 53.30 | — | 10.75 | GL W XL | — | — | — | — | — | 62.75 | — | — | 3.75 | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | — | 60.67 | 53.47 | 53.67 | 54.33 | — | 28.75 | GL W LG | — | 63.00 | — | — | — | 63.67 | — | — | 13.50 | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | — | 37.50 | 33.25 | 36.50 | 31.89 | — | 10.00 | GL W MD | 36.29 | — | — | — | — | 40.81 | — | — | 7.75 | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | — | 22.00 | 20.67 | 22.50 | — | — | 4.50 | NRBS - 42 | 21.00 | 23.00 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | — | — | — | .50 | NRBS - 39 | 18.00 | 20.00 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 33.00 | 34.00 | — | — | 8.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 27.50 | 29.00 | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | 30.00 | 31.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | — | — | 16.50 | 18.17 | 1.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand was limited for the fully adequate to ample offerings of light hens. Finished sales were only moderate with schedules fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers at least adequate for the fair demand. Slaughter schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment generally steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings spotty.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

| | LIGHT | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--|-------|-------|----------|
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (1) | |
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (2) | |
| So. Central Light | TFEWR | (2) | |
| No. Central Light | TFEWR | (1) | |
| No. Central Light | 0-5 | (2) | |
| (1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading | | | |
| (TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|---|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 71.65 | 69.28 | 52.99 |
| SOUTHERN | 68.18 | 66.04 | 48.69 |
| MIDWEST | 61.72 | 60.48 | 44.05 |
| WESTERN | 90.62 | 85.13 | 63.69 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 75.93 | 72.70 | 54.38 |
| COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS | | | |

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were mostly unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Trading of heavy canners was of moderate to good volume, light canners was generally of fair volume. Demand was moderate but unaggressive for offerings that ranged from adequate to spot availability. The undertone continued to be about steady to steady.

| LIGHT CANNER HENS | | HEAVY CANNER HENS | |
|---|-------|---------------------|-----------|
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | | (WITHOUT NECKS) | |
| 25-26.5 MAJORITY | | 33-39.5 MAJORITY | 35.5-36.5 |
| CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST | | | |
| LIGHT CANNER HENS | | HEAVY CANNER HENS | |
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | | (WITHOUT NECKS) | |
| 26-28.5 MAJORITY | 26-27 | 33.5-39.25 MAJORITY | 38-39.25 |

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| HEAD | 2,046 | 1,483 | 3,529 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,971 | 1,448 | 3,419 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,026 | 1,398 | 3,424 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 24,381 | 16,455 | 40,836 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 25,734 | 15,953 | 41,687 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| HENS | HENS | HENS | HENS |
| HEAD | 609 | 0 | 609 |
| LAST WEEK | 539 | 12 | 551 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 460 | 0 | 460 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 6,537 | 39 | 6,576 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 5,862 | 109 | 5,971 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| HENS | HENS | HENS | HENS |
| HEAD | 2,655 | 1,483 | 4,138 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,510 | 1,460 | 3,970 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,486 | 1,398 | 3,884 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 30,918 | 16,494 | 47,412 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 31,596 | 16,062 | 47,658 |

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

| Type | Week Ending March 18, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| | (000) | | (000) | |
| | 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Liquid | 142 | 300 | 1,458 | 2,815 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 40 | 6 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 58 | 99 |
| Total | 142 | 300 | 1,556 | 2,920 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

| Type | Week Ending March 18, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|------|
| | (000) | | (000) | |
| | 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Liquid | 58 | 164 | 1,186 | 895 |
| Frozen | 12 | 2 | 109 | 76 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 321 | 10 |
| Total | 70 | 166 | 1,616 | 981 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| | Week Ending March 18, 2000 | | Year-To-Date | |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| | 2000 | 1999 /1 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Jumbo | 53 | 0 | 145 | 45 |
| Extra Large | 1,290 | 1,510 | 5,033 | 5,207 |
| Large | 3,944 | 290 | 26,827 | 18,069 |
| Medium | 150 | 1,569 | 6,987 | 9,190 |
| Ungraded | 4,530 | 2,460 | 12,960 | 49,919 |
| Misc | 750 | 900 | 2,250 | 900 |
| Total | 10,717 | 6,729 | 54,202 | 83,330 |

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

| JUMBO | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 65-68 | 56-62 | 54-59 | 37-42 | 23-27 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

| LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|--------|-------|
| 43-45 | 27-29 | 13-15 |

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

| JUMBO | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 112-115 | 74-77 | 66-69 | 40-43 | 16-19 |

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AM 27-Mar-00 | 3,855 | 121,063 | 79,483 |
| AM 1-Mar-00 | 4,561 | 112,828 | 78,929 |
| CHG | -706 | 8235 | 554 |
| PCT CHG | -15 | 7 | 1 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-MAR-00

| CENTERS | SELECTED CONSUMING CW | | PW PERCENT CHG | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----|
| | THOUSANDS | THOUSANDS | PW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 27.2 | 25.0 | 9 | -12 |
| BOSTON | 2.1 | 3.5 | -40 | -53 |
| CHICAGO | 43.1 | 63.9 | -33 | -43 |
| DETROIT | 32.2 | 46.6 | -31 | -29 |
| KANSAS CITY | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | 92.0 | 95.8 | -4 | -26 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 10.0 | 13.0 | -23 | -39 |
| NEW YORK | 39.5 | 43.0 | -8 | -12 |
| ST. LOUIS | 14.0 | 25.4 | -45 | -15 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 22.1 | 21.3 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 282.3 | 337.6 | -16 | -26 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 301.0 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 25-MAR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
| N. ATLANTIC | 221.6 | 3 | -10 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 532.8 | 11 | 11 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 270.2 | 7 | 12 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 198.9 | 2 | -6 |
| S. CENTRAL | 80.0 | 0 | 5 |
| WEST | 198.5 | 3 | -11 |
| TOTAL | 1,502.0 | 6 | 2 |

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

MARCH 28, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| MAINE MOSTLY | 107 - | 99 - | 73 - | 49 - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY | 99-103 101-102 | 92-96 93-94 | 66-70 68-69 | 42-46 44-45 |
| RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY | 103-110 103 | 95-102 95 | 69-76 69 | 45-52 45 |
| VERMONT MOSTLY | 110 - | 100-102 102 | 75-76 76 | - - |

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